

REMARKS

Claims 28-49 are pending, with claims 28 and 39 being independent. Claims 1-27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 39-60 have been added. Claim 28 has been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Raevis for speaking with Applicant's representative, Kevin Greene, on July 15, 2005 regarding claims 39-49. Applicant's representative indicated that claims 39-49 should not raise new issues, and should be allowable in view of the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 28-38. Examiner Raevis agreed to review a copy of these claims, and contacted Applicant's representative on July 18, 2005 to indicate that these claims would be allowable, and that all claims would be deemed allowable if claims 1-27 were cancelled.

Claim 39 presented to Examiner Raevis recited "determine a zero-flow calibration value based on the operational parameter, based on a plurality of previously-determined zero-flow calibration values." Claim 39 submitted above recites "determine a zero-flow calibration value based on the operational parameter, and based on a plurality of previously-determined zero-flow calibration values." While not specifically discussed with Examiner Raevis, Applicant submits that this change does not raise new issues, and simply clarifies the claimed subject matter by making the claim language more grammatically correct. The amendment to claim 28 similarly adds the word "and" to the clause "determining a zero-flow calibration value based on the operational parameter, and based on a plurality of previously-determined zero-flow calibration values." Applicant likewise submits that this does not raise new issues.

In addition, claim 39 presented to Examiner Raevise recited "the sensor configured to measure vibrations of the vibratable flowtube." Claim 39 presented above recites "the sensor being operable to measure vibrations of the vibratable flowtube," which is in line with the corresponding language of claim 28.

Furthermore, while not specifically discussed with Examiner Raevis, claims 50-60 directed to a flowmeter transmitter have been added. As with claims 39-49, Applicant submits

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that these claims do not raise new issues, and should be allowable in view of the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 28-38.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests indication of such. If the Examiner believes that the above changes do raise new issues, or otherwise causes this application to not be in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative prior to issuing any other action, so as to expedite prosecution.

The cancellation of claims 1-27 should not be construed as any concession by the Applicant with respect to the patentability or interpretation of those claims, or the Examiner's characterization of the cited art, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue those claims and others in one or more continuation applications.

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Respectfully submitted,

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